

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-29-17

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday ,
September 20, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2017, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Bear Cove to sport fishing to protect coho salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area (g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 20 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (3) all waters of Bear Cove East of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°00.63' N. latitude, 135°09.80' W. longitude to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.07' N. latitude, 135°09.93' W. longitude are closed to sport fishing;

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017. To date, no coho salmon have been collected for broodstock while 3,000 are needed. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon to meet broodstock needs.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.